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SUBJECT: GOE ACCENTS ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS QUESTION;
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- GIVES PALESTINIAN ASPECTS BACK SEAT STATUS

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SUMMARY. FONMIN KAMEL AND PRESS TREATMENT OF PEACE
PROCESS CONTINUE STRESS NEGATIVE EFFECT OF ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT POLICY. KAMEL AGAIN REFERRED TO IMPORTANCE

THAT TIMING OF CABINET DECISION WILL HAVE FOR ATHERTON
EFFORTS ARRIVE AT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. PALESTINIAN
FACTOR IS GETTING BACKSEAT TREATMENT PRESUMABLY
REFLECTING STRAINS BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND PLO. END
SUMMARY.

1. FRONT PAGE REPORTS OF ATHERTON MISSION FEATURED
CLAIM THAT SADAT WILL TODAY INFORM HIM OF EGYPTIAN
REJECTION OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY AND OF "EFFECTS
OF THIS ATTITUDE ON ATHERTON MISSION TO REACH DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES." REPORTS NOTE FONMIN KAMEL WILL PASS
EGYPTIAN OBSERVATIONS ON ISRAELI PROPOSALS, "WHICH DO
NOT STIPULATE PRINCIPLE OF COOplete WITHDRAWAL."

2. FOLLOWING AHERTON-KAMEL TALKS FEBRUARY 28, KAMEL
AGAIN STRESSSD TO REPORTERS THAT TIMING OF DECISION TO
REAFFIRM SETTLLMENT POLICY "IS EXTREMELY GRAVE MATTER".
KAMEL OBSERVED THAT U.S. ,AS CLEARLY STATED THAT
ESTABLISHING SETTLEMNTS IS OBSTRUCTION TO PEACE. "IT
IS VERY STTANGE ISRAELI CABINET SHOULD CHCSE THIS MOMENT
TO CONFIRM IT IS OBSTRUCTING PEACE BY CONTINUING WITH THE
SETTLEMENTS."

3. COMMENT. FAILURE OF ISRAELI PROPOSALS TO RECOGNIZE
PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION WAS NOTED ONLY
IN PASSING, DESPITE ATHERTON COMMENT TO PRESS THAT
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PALESTIAN PROBLEM "REMAINS THE DIFFICULT PART OF THE
DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES." DESPITE RECENT STATE-
MENTS REITERATING HIGH-MINDED COMMITMENT TO PALESTINIAN
CAUSE, GOE CLEARLY ACCORDING THIS QUESTION ONLY BACKSEAT
STATUS IN PUBLIC HANDLING PEACE PROCESS. EDITORIALS
CEASED TO DESCRIBE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AS ESSENCE OF
MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS (WITH ILL
CONCEALED CONCERN FOR SI I) HELD OUT AS MAJOR THREAT TO
SADAT INITIATIVE. EILTS

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